

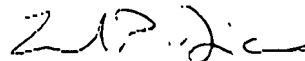
REMARKS

Newly added Claims 15-19 are now presented for examination. Claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. The pending claims are identical to those now allowed in priority application 2002-197864, except that whereas "means" and "unit" both appear in a literal translation of the allowed Japanese claims, "means" has been used uniformly in the present claims, for consistency and clarity.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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